

Hearing on Social Security at 75 years

Please protect the Social Security program and its benefits for retired Americans.

Because I spent 24 years of my life as a nun, teaching in private schools and therefore making very little salary, my social security benefits are not as rich as if I had worked in secular positions for that amount of time. I then taught in a public school for 18 years and now receive a pension only half as large as my colleagues. Then, because of GPO and WEP, my social security has been further reduced and I am not even receiving the meager benefits that I had earned when I was teaching in convent schools.

Please repeal the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision which unfairly reduce or eliminate the EARNED Social Security benefits of hundreds of thousands of dedicated public servants.

I also urge you to oppose privatization of Social Security and mandatory social security coverage.

Regardless of the general mistrust that many politicians continue to earn, I still believe that **some** of you are decent, compassionate, and tending toward integrity. This prompts me to quote from The Diary of Ann Frank: ". . . . People are generally good at heart." I pray you are among the above mentioned "**some**".

Submitted with hope,

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